

# NEWS

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**Contact:** Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian  
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***Rhode Island Family Court Announces  
National Adoption Day  
Saturday, November 23, 2013***

***“I AM HOME”  
A Celebration of Adoption and Foster Care***

**PROVIDENCE, RI** — Rhode Island Family Court Chief Judge Bedrosian and the Rhode Island Judiciary will be sponsoring a special event to celebrate the **10<sup>th</sup> National Adoption Day on November 23, 2013**. Our event will coincide with events being planned across the United States on this day to draw attention to the adoption process and the large number of children available for adoption. **The Court will be finalizing eighteen (18) adoptions with fourteen (14) different families.** Many sponsors and community agencies have joined in the Celebration.

The Celebration will begin at **9:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor** of The Garrahy Judicial Complex. Many community sponsors are involved: Dunkin Brands; HASBRO; Pawtucket Red Sox; Cardi Brothers; Adoption Rhode Island, Foster Forward; Pepsi; Say Cheese Photography, local restaurants, etc.

**Speakers include:** Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian of Rhode Island Family Court; Chief Justice Paul Suttell of the Supreme Court; Janice De Frances, Executive Director, Department of Children, Youth and Families, Nick, Ron and Pete Cardi and special guests: Gayle Goldin and her husband Jeff Levy and their sons Zach and Jonah who will speak about their family’s experience with adoption. Gayle and Jeff adopted Jonah at the first RI Family Court National Adoption Day held on November 20, 2004.

**DATE: SATURDAY, November 23, 2013**

**TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Rhode Island Family Court - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
One Dorrance Plaza  
Providence**

**TOPIC: NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY  
“I Am Home”- A Celebration of Adoption and Foster Care**

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